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## DEATH OF MISS CARRIE MILLER

When the news was scattered abroad last Sunday morning that Carrie Miller had died at 11 o'clock the night before, more people felt as though they had suffered a personal loss than in usually the case when the Angel of Death makes his visitations.

Miss Miller took to bed with pleuropneumonia on Thursday, February 19. A grave symptom from the first was weak heart action, and inability to take nourishment. The ailment gave her much pain, and toward the latter part of last week hope of recovery was abandoned, and after many hours of unconsciousness, death came to her relief late Saturday night.

Carrie Miller was in her 24th year. She came to Groton with her parents in the early eighties, from Dorchester, Wis., and for a number of years their home was on a farm south of town. After the death of her father about ten years ago, the mother and two daughters moved to Groton, and Carrie completed the high school course and graduated in 1897. At the time she was taken ill she was employed as clerk at the Plumb Line Store, which position she had held for a number of years. Always considerate, pleasant and courteous, she was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

While her death is a source of sorrow to all who knew her, the blow to her devoted mother is beyond the power of words to express. For many years their family circle had been narrowed to these two, resulting in a companionship which greatly strengthened the natural ties. Under such conditions human sympathy is unavailing and only time and infinity can lessen the weight of the heavy hand of death.

Funeral services were held at the home and at the M. E. church yesterday afternoon, and a vast assemblage assisted in the last sad rites.

The following obituary was handed in for publication:

Miss Carrie Miller was born at Chilton, August 4, 1879, and when 5 years old came with her parents to South Dakota. They settled on a farm near Groton, where they resided until the death of Mr. Miller; then Mrs. Miller came to Groton with her family, where she secured a position as teacher in the school and her daughter became a student in the school. Miss Carrie proved herself a good student and was graduated from the Groton high school June 7, 1897.

For a time after her graduation, she taught in some of the districts near Groton, but later was employed as a clerk in the Plumb Line Store, which position she filled with the highest degree of satisfaction to the proprietors. A cold on the lungs compelled her to leave the store February 21, and pneumonia rapidly developed. On February 28, at 10:30 p. m. she passed away.

She united with the M. E. church in 1899, and was a loved and honored member of it during the rest of her short life. At the time of her death she was first vice-president of the Epworth League and teacher of a class in the Sunday school. Both of these positions were filled with credit to the deceased and to the organizations.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor on Wednesday, March 4. At the home a prayer was offered and a few remarks on the Christian victory over death; then the remains were taken to the church where a host of friends gathered to pay the last tribute to the one who had won a place in the hearts of all who knew her.

The floral offering, like the departed life, was beautiful beyond description. Though all were beautiful the Alumni wreath and the Epworth League cross with its fitting motto "Look up, lift up" were especially appreciated. At the grave the League sang a stanza of: "There's a Land that is Fairer than Day" and deposited flowers and evergreen in the grave, and thus with sorrow in the hearts of all the earthly form was left covered with flowers and the soul passed on to be crowned with the glory that awaits the beautiful Christian character.